

Looking back on what we have read so far, what do we learn about Peter's education and training in Spiritual matters?

How can we be encouraged by his story?

2. What does this passage teach us about evangelism? What is our role?

How can we be more like Peter?

What would we be like if we lived knowing that the same Spirit that filled Peter in **vs 8** was filling us every day?

Ultimately, what is the result of our spreading the Good News?

5 GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN: WHO WILL WE SEE IN HEAVEN?

THE STORY OF HEAVEN

IN THE BEGINNING...Genesis 1:1; Genesis 3:8-16; Romans 8:22

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:10

JESUS... *Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"* Mark 1:14b-15

IN THE END...Revelation 21:1-8

WHO WILL WE SEE IN HEAVEN?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3:16

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." Luke 15:1-2

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:38

Growth Group Homework

For the Week of May 1, 2011

QUICK REVIEW

1. Looking back at your notes from this week's message, what challenged you the most? What questions do you have?

MY STORY

1. What is the most amazing thing you have seen God do?
2. What was your reaction to witnessing that?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read **Acts 3:1-10 and 4:1-7**. What were the onlookers' reactions? What were the religious leaders' reactions?

What made the two groups react so differently?

What do you think the religious leaders were expecting to hear when they questioned them in vs 7?

2. Continue reading **vs 8-12**. This is a very powerful reaction to their questioning. What does Peter say about Jesus? What would you say in his situation?

In **vs 12**, he gives his closing statement. How do the previous statements support this final statement?

What does it mean to call on a name to be saved?

How have you responded (or could respond) to a person who believes that a moral life is the way to heaven?

3. Read **vs. 13-17**. What was the reaction of the religious leaders?

What were they afraid of? If you were a temple leader at the time and this happened, would you have those fears? Why or why not?

TAKING IT HOME

1. Read **vs 18-22**. What was Peter's response to their order to be silent?